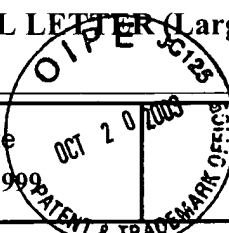
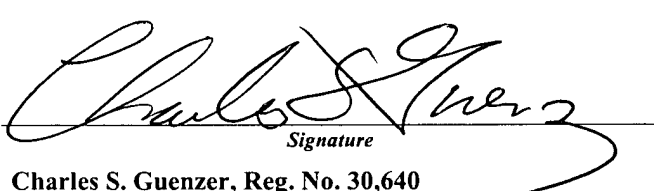
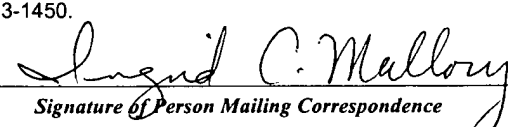


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Invention: ENHANCEMENT OF SILICON OXIDE ETCH RATE AND NITRIDE SELECTIVITY USING HEXAFLUOROBUTADIENE OR OTHER HEAVY PERFLUOROCARBON					
<u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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